

# CONOVER NEIGHBOR



May 2014

## Conover Code Enforcement



It wouldn't be a stretch to say that most of us have a pet or two, some are kept inside and some are kept outside. When we have a pet we have some rules to follow as set forth by the City of Conover's Code of Ordinances. Most never intentionally harm a pet, or any other animal for that matter, but there may be an occasion when you may see or feel that an animal is being treated poorly and something must be done since the animal cannot speak for itself.

These are the primary issues that Code Enforcement and Catawba County Animal Control can deal with:

- Food: An animal must be given food at least one time in a 24 hour period.
- Water: Clean water must be available to an animal at all times.
- Shelter: An animal must have adequate shelter at all times.
- Sickness: If an animal is sick, diseased or injured, medical treatment must be given to the animal within 24 hours.

Animal cruelty is an ugly side of human behavior and our hope is that Conover never sees this happen. Should our City ever experience this we will do what is right for the animal. These cruel acts are not allowed by City ordinance:

- Allowing a collar, rope or chain to become embedded in or cause injury to an animal's neck.
- Allowing a choke or pinch collar to be used as a primary collar when the animal is left unsupervised.
- Intentionally allowing animals to engage in a fight.
- Allowing animals to live in unsanitary conditions.
- Allowing animals to live in crowded conditions.
- Shooting a dog, either on or off of the owner's property, unless the dog is in the act of chasing or attacking a human being, sheep, cattle, horse, hog, goat, poultry or any other domestic animal.
- Trapping a dog or cat without a "request for animal trap" issued by Catawba County Animal Control.

Should you suspect unsatisfactory animal conditions, contact Code Enforcement at 828-464-4698 or via email at [codeofficer@conovernc.gov](mailto:codeofficer@conovernc.gov) or Catawba County Animal Control Services at 828-465-8228.

### Planning Ahead:

<b>City Council:</b>	Meets the first Monday of each month at 7 p.m. at Conover City Hall
<b>Planning Board:</b>	Meets the third Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. at Conover City Hall

City Hall Closed Monday, May 26, 2014 for Memorial Day.

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## **Conover Fire Department**

### **Hydrant maintenance:**

The Conover Fire Department is beginning its semi-annual hydrant maintenance. Twice a year the department flushes and performs needed maintenance on all hydrants to ensure they function properly. During this process residents may notice discolored water, this is a normal part of the process and the water should clear up quickly with use. If you have any questions, please contact the Fire Department at 828-464-1295.

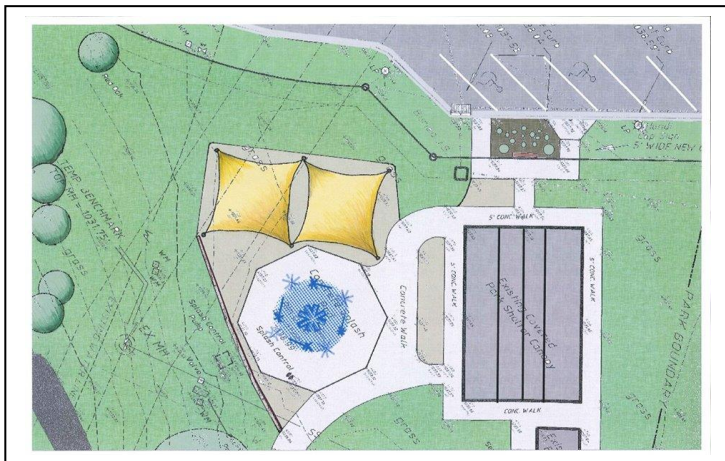
### **Inspection VS Preplans: What is the difference?**

The Conover Fire Department is continuing to update our preplans on all businesses in the City. Fire Department staff will be visiting each business in the near future. Preplan information consists of building utilities, fire protection features, and owner emergency contact information. This information helps the Fire Department in case there is an emergency at that facility. Preplans are different from fire inspections in the fact that preplans are conducted annually and by suppression staff as compared to fire inspections that are conducted on a one, two or three year cycle by Fire Inspectors who ensure that the North Carolina Fire Code is met. The more information the department has the better we can serve our citizens. If you have any questions please contact the Fire Department at 828-464-1295.

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## **Conover City Park**

You may have noticed that construction has begun on the newest addition to the Conover City Park. Next to the shelter and splash pad more patio area is being built along with two new canopies that will provide some nice shade next to the splash pad this summer. The park is open to the public every day. You can enjoy the ½ mile of walking trail that meanders through the park. The kids can enjoy the playground areas and learn about the stormwater wetland, the habitat, and ecosystem that it supports. Starting on Memorial Day, May 26<sup>th</sup>, the splash pad will be open once again and remain open through the summer until Labor Day, September 1<sup>st</sup>. The shelter can be reserved for birthday parties and other events by contacting City Hall at 828-464-1191.



Help us plan for future amenities at the new Conover City Park by taking a short survey. Survey forms can be picked up at Conover City Hall, Conover Express Library, or go to the City's Facebook page or the City's website at [www.conovernc.gov](http://www.conovernc.gov).